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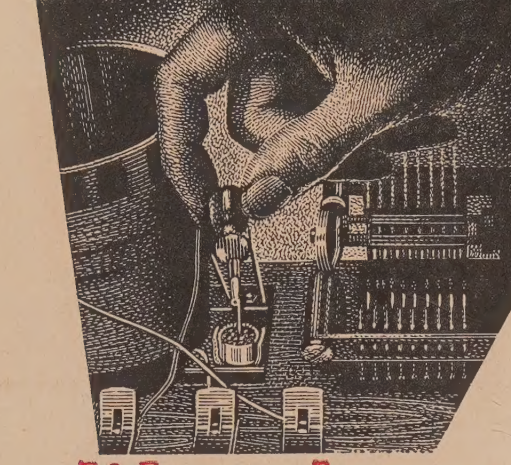

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"... the 1960 convention would have to go out of its way to keep from nominating a Catholic for the presidency or the second slot" says the March 3 issue of *Look*. This possibility adds relevance to this series on the nature and purpose of the Roman Church. Here is the first of three articles.

Will Rome Rule The World?

By

DON HILLIS

WITH A HEART that is warm with sympathy today and hot with religious bigotry tomorrow; with feet that walk in paths of mercy today and trample down illiterate, poverty-stricken peoples tomorrow; with hands that minister to the sick today and are covered with the blood of martyrs tomorrow; with an infallible tongue that preaches a pious peace today and divides nations with revelation tomorrow—so strides the giant of Romanism across the ages of religious history.

With this picture in mind let us examine the outer garments of this religious goliath.

The editors of *Look* give the following description: ". . . An independent civil power, a walled enclave closely guarded by loyal troops, the world's richest concentration of art treasures . . . the Vatican is all these things, and the crackling nerve center of a global religion as well."

And concerning the little-known heart of Romanism, Aubrey Menen in his *Look* article writes, "St. Peter's Basilica lifts nobly into the Roman sky—the greatest church in Christendom and central symbol of the Roman Catholic faith. This view spans almost the whole east-west extent of Vatican City, a sovereign state so tiny its 110 acres could fit seven times into New York's Central Park, *and a spiritual authority so mighty it governs the religious lives of some* 485,000,00 *people —nearly one-fifth of mankind.*"

Paul Blanshard, contemporary scholar on the subject of Romanism, gives us a close-up of the Vatican in his book, "American Freedom and Catholic Power" (1958 edition). He says, "The Pope, as one of the few remaining absolute monarchs in the world, lives in an atmosphere of continuous adulation. His Vatican palace has 1400 rooms. His 500 dial telephones do not work for incoming calls because he is considered too exalted to even deal with any human. He eats alone at a little table covered by red silk, sitting under a red baldachin. When Catholic visitors are admitted to his presence, they remain kneeling unless he invites them to stand up or take a seat. When they quit his presence, they genuflect three times and leave the room backward. The men visitors commonly wear formal suits, and the women long black dresses. No legs or arms may be uncovered during a papal audience.

"To kiss the Pope's ring is, for devout Catholics, the event of a lifetime, and to kneel in the streets as his golden chariots carry him past is a duty and a privilege.

"When the Pope proceeds to his coronation he is weighted down heavily with ceremonial robes and carried through worshipful crowds from the Sistine Chapel to St. Peter's in a gold sedan chair borne by twelve servants clad in crimson damask. Underneath five layers of garments he wears special papal stockings heavily embroidered with gold. When the senior cardinal-deacon finally puts the triple tiara on his head, he says: 'Receive the threefold Crown of Kings, the Ruler of the round Earth, and here below the Viceroy of Jesus Christ, to Whom be honor and glory forever. Amen.'

"In contemplating this figure of imperial and priestly splendor one is reminded of the comment addressed by St. Bernard to Pope Eugenius II in his *De Consideratione* in the twelfth century: 'I do not find that St. Peter ever appeared in public loaded with gold and jewels, clad in silk, mounted on a white mule, surrounded by soldiers and followed by a brilliant retinue. In the glitter that environs thee, rather wouldst thou be taken for the successor of Constantine than for the successor of Peter.'

"It is one of the ironies of history that this figure of imperial splendor has been evolved from the teachings of an impecunious prophet of Galilee who had no worldly possessions and no ecclesiastical rank. Certainly the immediate followers of Jesus gave no sign

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capital commentary...by don gill

report on religious trends from NAE's office of public affairs, washington, d. c.

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The U. S. Department of Labor is now drafting legislation to put 1.3 million employees of religious and other non-profit organizations on the unemployment insurance rolls. The federal law would set the pace for the states to make similar provisions in their individual laws. The exemptions from such laws would be ministers, priests, rabbis and members of religious orders. All other employees of religious organizations would be covered. In most states the tax is paid by the employer, amounting to about 3% of the first $3,000 of wages ($3,600 in some states, $4,200 in Alaska.)

The Senate Armed Services committee reported favorably the extension of the draft, putting it on the Senate floor for early action. Concern for the National defense at the time of the Berlin crisis far outweighed the appeals of pacifists to discontinue the draft, making passage virtually certain.

Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, a powerful figure in the House of Representatives, has introduced a bill (HR4510) to allow the payment of more than a million dollars to Baptist and other Protestant churches in the Philippines. Being general legislation it does not specify the churches, leaving the big question, "How many additional millions would this provide for Catholic institutions in the Philippines?" More than thirty million has been paid out by the War Claims Commission already.

Congress, as well as the executive branch of government, can expect increased pressures from churches and church representatives on purely political and social issues, as a result of the "Hartford Appeal" issued by the National Council of Churches. The appeal supported "the right" of the World Order Study Conference in Cleveland to address such issues and encouraged the individual denominations and churches to study and comment upon any and all issues of human concern.

Religious liberty may be in question right here in the nation's capital. On March 9 a street evangelist, Edwin Tiemann, was put in a police patrol wagon and taken to headquarters for nothing more than wearing a sandwich board proclaiming, in bold red and white characters, God's impending judgment and salvation in Christ. A police official determined that wearing the sign was not in itself a violation of the regulation requiring a permit for preaching on public space. So Tiemann was released. But on two previous occasions he has served jail terms of ten days here in D. C. for violation of the regulation requiring a permit for his public witness.

The decision of the Italian Constitutional Court to allow the rebuilding and opening of a Baptist church is assessed as a big gain for religious liberty. Its immediate effects in Italy are important. Implications for other Catholic countries are even more important.

A new outburst of violence in Colombia has shattered several months of quiet hopefulness that the situation there was improving. An assistant pastor and a four year old boy of the congregation at San Vicente, Santander were killed in a mob attack following an evening service. The attack reportedly followed a threat by the local priest from his pulpit, that he could not be responsible for what would happen to the Protestants if they would not leave San Vicente.

Clyde Taylor Reports

Writing from Saigon, Viet Nam, NAE's public affairs and missions director entitles this report, "Rome Did It Again!"

On February 19 the new nation of Viet Nam was officially presented to the Virgin Mary. Cardinal Legate Agagianian came from Rome to present the Pope's blessing and participate on behalf of the Pope in the presentation of this nation of some twenty-two million people to the Virgin. To many this presentation is something of a conundrum. In the first place less than five per cent of the population is Roman Catholic. In the second place the overwhelming majority of the people are Buddhist. This great ecclesiastical celebration was given maximum publicity throughout the nation, but outside of its immediate propaganda value the entire matter will have little significance for most Vietnamese.

To observers, however, this action is indicative of the advance of Roman Catholicism in the country. Many in the leadership of the nation are Roman Catholic. Outstanding among them are President Ngo dinh Diem and his family. One brother, Ngo dinh Thuc, is a Roman bishop in south Viet Nam. Another brother, Ngo dinh Nhu, is political adviser to the President. His beautiful wife, Mrs. Nhu, is official hostess for the President and an assembly representative. Another brother is ambassador to the United States with a fourth serving as a governor of one of the provinces.

During the Communist attacks in the north many refugees came south and have since been settled in villages in the interior of Viet Nam. Most of these villages are Roman Catholic in their entirety.

Since a majority of the refugees from the north are Roman Catholic, a very large percentage of U. S. relief has been brought in by the Roman Church and has been used to strengthen its position in the nation. Outside of the fact that these Roman Catholic villages and towns are closed to Protestants and Protestant Churches, there is little restriction of religious freedom.

In general Viet Nam has made great strides in three and a half years. While it is being generously assisted by the U.S.A., it is on its own, making strides in the unification of a nation of difficult communications, with perhaps as many as 120 tribes and subtribes living in thousands of mountain villages and speaking at least thirty major languages. In the midst of this development an evangelical Protestant church of some 70,000 adherents carries on its witness and ministry with complete freedom.

THERE'S HELP FOR YOU IN PLANNING YOUR CHURCH SITE

By NEIL WINEGARDEN

■ A FEW YEARS ago a newly organized congregation erected an attractive, well-furnished sanctuary and educational unit at the edge of a growing residential area of a thriving community in Oregon's Willamette Valley.

Everything appeared to be in their favor, but the church's growth during the next five years was deplorably disheartening. The cause—partly, at least—was that the building was located at the end of a street which came to a dead-end on a hillside which overlooked the town.

Such examples of unfortunate planning practices could be multiplied many times over.

But the Bible is not silent about the need for careful "cost counting." Was it not our Lord who said, "For which of you, desiring to build a tower, doth not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have wherewith to complete it? Lest haply, when he hath laid a foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish" (Luke 14:28-30)? And did not God Himself set a precedent for us who would build when He planned for the events of His calendar of the present?

Churches no longer need flounder because of lack of adequate planning for integration into the community's future development. Available to churches today is the service of professional community planning experts such as Milferd H. Eggerding of Community Planning Consultants, 204 East Lincolnway, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Counsel such as he is able to give should help churches to avoid some expensive blunders in church extension.

Mr. Eggerding is formerly professor of planning at Valparaiso University and has had ten years of field experience. He holds his Master of Arts degree from Northwestern University in the field of Geographic Planning and, in addition, is a member of the American Society of Planning Officials and the American Institute of Planners, the two leading professional planning organizations in this country.

Serving as consultant to over 25 cities and six counties in Illinois and Indiana, he has developed a keen interest in church site planning. This specialized interest finds perpetual expression in his labors as co-chairman of the Church Standards Committee of the American Institute of Planners and the Church Extension Board of his own church, the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod.

For a church-related survey, the professional services of Community Planning Consultants includes an analysis of the local residential and industrial expansion of the community, a map showing these thrusts plus the main existing and proposed thoroughfare systems, analyses of proposed church sites, and recommendations based on a thorough scientific analysis of the total situation.

Cost of these services amounts to $100 a day. Expenses over and above this daily rate involve travel, lodging, meals and any printing costs incurred in making the reports available. Since the average report takes about two days of field service plus two days of office work, it is likely that the total cost would be about $500.

These rates may seem prohibitive in the light of many anemic church budgets, but planning blunders are a luxury which no church can afford. Just one bad move in planning a church site may cost many times the consultant's fee.

Here is a suggestion: How about having a cooperative venture with several evangelical churches in a given area participating in the survey. Each church could share in the cost and each would benefit from wise, careful, professional counsel.

With increasing costs of real estate, evangelicals are developing a growing awareness of the need for careful planning before making an investment. We must remember that dereliction of duty in regard to stewardship may be just as serious as pilfering from the Lord's treasury.

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that they ever contemplated anything like this when they began to spread the tidings of their leader."

The wealth, pomp and pageantry displayed by the Roman Church has done much to convince thinking Christians that she is not the church founded by the Man of Calvary. To those who know Christ as Saviour, the gaudy festivals of Romanism with their colorful exaltations of Mary and their parading of a dead man on a cross, are but displays of a form of Christianity that has been corrupted by carnality, idolatry and paganism.

The testimony of Dr. Henry H. Savage, prince of American preachers, demonstrates what I mean. He says, "I visited Rome several years ago and went over to the Vatican and St. Peter's. What earthly treasures there were! Gold, silver, pearls, and all precious things were in abundance. You would find them in mitres and croziers, in chasubles and patens, in cups and crystals, in vestments and robes. There were gifts from kings, emperors, and queens: wealth enough to make even kings envious.

"Then I witnessed the pageantry and the grandeur of the papal celebrations designed to impress the world with the temporal power of the Vatican state. Do you know what went through my mind? It was this: How would Jesus look in the midst of all that earthly hypocrisy? He who had no place to be born, no place to live, and no place to be buried, 'a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief'—how would he react to that pomp and ceremony?"

And now let's meet the Roman Church in its American setting. In an article published in *Look,* Hartzel Spence writes, "The Roman Catholic Church in the United States is three times the size of any other religious body in the country. It is vast, with 34,386,351 registered members in 16,260 parishes. It is complex, with 90 orders of priests and brothers and 276 orders of nuns, and of such diversity that sermons are delivered in more than 10 languages. It is the richest jewel in the world-wide Church, counting its income in billions of dollars and its property in tens of billions. Its members send more money to the Vatican for support of the Church around the world than do the Catholics in any other country. It spends one billion a year on its U. S. educational system alone, and almost as much in charity through a network of 1,661 hospitals and homes. The administration of this tremendous structure is a larger undertaking than the management of General Motors and the American Telephone Company combined. The executive echelon, composed of four cardinals, 33 archbishops and 176 bishops, is typically American in that not one of these men is the son of a college graduate."

Mr. Spence apparently recognizes that this multibillion dollar organization is looked upon with suspicion and resentment by millions of enlightened Americans. He says, "The Protestant argument is that the Pope, being not only a spiritual leader but ruler of a 108-acre principality known as Vatican City, can, if he desires, tell Catholics what to do politically. Further, this argument runs, the Pope would do so if Catholics were a political majority under a Catholic president."

We will do well now to look beneath the outer garbs into the internal machinery of Romanism. The following nine questions asked and answered by Paul Blanshard will afford us the best insight into this matter.

1. "Is the Catholic Church a sovereign power?

"According to the Catholic theologians, yes. It has the three requisites of a sovereign power: legislative, executive, and judicial, including the power of coercion. The ruler of the Church, the Pope, claims sovereignty by divine right and he is also head of a small state, the Vatican State, created by the Lateran Treaty of 1929 with Mussolini. This Vatican State is ruled by the same machinery that rules the religious aspect of the Church. 'The Holy Father is not alone the supreme head of the Catholics. He is also the head of a sovereign State. Thirty-eight countries have representatives at the Holy See.' This statement was made by Cardinal Spellman on March 12, 1940, when President Roosevelt's 1939 appointment of Myron C. Taylor as personal representative to the Vatican was under fire.

"At that time, nearly all of the important countries of the world except the United States and the Soviet Union had official diplomats at the Vatican, and the Vatican in turn had nuncios or lesser diplomats at the capitals of these powers. In addition, the Vatican had 58 religious representatives serving as Apostolic Delegates in as many capitals, appointed by the same sovereign who appointed the nuncios.

2. "How far does the Church as a sovereign power extend its jurisdiction?

"Everywhere there are Catholics. It claims that it is a supernatural institution with complete territorial jurisdiction.

3. "What is the Pope's temporal state?

"For about 700 years it consisted chiefly of the nation in central Italy called the Papal States, a district about the size of Switzerland, running from the Adriatic to the Tyrrhenian, which was finally lost to the Vatican in 1870 when Italy captured it. (Macaulay called this state 'the worst governed in the civilized world.') Now, by the Vatican-Mussolini Concordat of 1929, The Roman Catholic State has been revived as a 108-acre section of Rome with some extra territorial rights outside of Rome. Its existence was confirmed after World War II by the Italian Constitutional Assembly, which inserted the Lateran Treaties in the new Italian Constitution.

4. "Does the Vatican State have a government of its own?

"Yes, it has a full civil government with a flag, a police force, courts and postage stamps. It even issues currency in the form of gold and silver coins bearing the effigy of the Pope, and has some 500 to 1,000 national citizens who use Vatican passports when they wish to travel. It has armed guards and before 1870, it had a full-blown military establishment.

5. "Is the government of this state democratic?

"No. According to the first article of its constitution, it is a complete autocracy in which 'the plentitude of legislative, executive, and judicial power' is vested in the Pope.

6. "Does this state have a diplomatic corps?

"Yes, a large and active diplomatic corps, headed by a Secretary of State, with ambassadors called nuncios.

7. "Do these diplomatic representatives of the Vatican State have equality of status with the ambassadors of other powers?

Yes and no. They have superior status in most cases, and the Vatican expects them to take precedence over other ambassadors. In most capitals they outrank the representatives of the United States government. In Berlin, an American bishop, as papal nunico, outranks another American, the United States ambassador.

8. "Do the Constitution and courts of the Vatican State provide any check upon the absolute power of the Pope?

"No. Nominally, the Church is ruled by Canon Law, which can be rewritten by the Pope at any time.

9. "Does the Pope maintain a court and confer titles of nobility?

"Yes, he maintains a court in the largest palace in the world and he appoints papal nobles who are entitled to wear uniforms and swords. Incidentally, the grant of these orders of papal nobility is a substantial source of income for the papal treasury."

Attwater, in *A Catholic Dictionary,* has said, "The Church, as a perfect society, sovereign and independent, has supreme spiritual authority over her members, legislative, judicial, and executive, by divine law. Her authority is independent of the civil authority of the State, and is of a higher order. Though instituted for a spiritual end, the Church has the right to use material and temporal means to secure that end, and in the use of such means as are necessary she has exclusive authority.

"Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical letter on 'The Reunion of Christendom,' said, 'We . . . hold upon this earth the place of God Almighty.'"

The *Catholic Encyclopedia* declares, "In case of direct contradiction making it impossible for both jurisdictions to be exercised, the jurisdiction of the Church prevails, and that of the State is excluded."

An editorial which appeared in *Christianity Today* (written by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry) gives added insight into the Roman hierarchy. It says in part: "There is little doubt but that America is gradually becoming a Roman Catholic country. This is not surprising, however, for the strategies of Rome give her considerable earthly advantage. Her claims are impressive: the bishops in communion with the See of Peter form a divinely constituted, perpetual, inerrant, teaching Church. Rome is a continuation of Christ's incarnation. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. Rome is the only power which has defeated secularism and modernism. She is at home in all lands. She is the Church of the catacombs, the Church of the Fathers, the Church of the great councils, the Church of the Middle Ages—in short, the Church of all ages. If any Christian effort will endure to the end of time, and thus merit the devotion of men everywhere, it is the Church of Rome.

"An expert from the American Institute of Management recently examined the management excellence of the Roman Church. He concluded, in a 26-page report, that the Church was eighty-eight per cent efficient. Rome is disciplined and determined; her wealth cannot be assessed. She adapts her strategy to every situation. When her interests are at stake, she is cruel. When they are not, she is gentle. The Inquisition is valid against Protestants but not against children of the Vatican. When the Church speaks, debate is out of order, for the good is what the Church approves.

"Rome's confidence was illustrated several years ago when I had coffee with a learned Jesuit at Harvard Square. As I quizzed him about the future of the Roman Church in America, he looked at me with flashing Irish eyes and thundered, 'Today, tomorrow or a century from now, it makes no difference. We are patient. We will subdue the earth to the greater glory of God.'

"*Life* magazine recently reviewed one phase of Roman Catholic power in America. The leading story was devoted to the 75th year of the Knights of Columbus. The pictures, many in full color, depicted the kind of pomp and circumstance which goes into Rome strategy. The legions of Rome are awesome. More than one million practicing Catholics make up the ranks of the Knights of Columbus. They are fraternally pledged to the ideal of bringing America under papal rule. They are powerful, wealthy, loyal. Little wonder that the Pope affectionately describes the Knights as 'the right lay arm of the Catholic Church in America.'"

Tolerance is the most misunderstood word in the American religious vocabulary. Originally, it implied a temporary forbearance with that which was not wholly approved. Now it appears to mean an indifference toward, a bowing unto, and a careless condoning of that which is detrimental, dangerous, or even deadly. This is clearly evidenced in the attitude of the American conscience toward pornography, the liquor industry, and crime.

The root of this national indulgence toward evil lies deep in the heart of the Christian church, for "if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted?" Through the opium of tolerance, Satan has lulled the Christian church into a state of indifference toward false doctrines and iniquitous practices.

The Old Testament has more to say about the things and people that the children of God were not to tolerate than about those things which they were to tolerate. Again, the Son of God had much to say about the things that should not be tolerated and He said it in unmistakably clear words. The Epistles are not without numerous, strong and repeated negatives, and the Book of Revelation abounds with the things that will not be tolerated.

It is beyond question the desire of the Roman Church to woo the Protestant Church into the position of tolerating all things. Strangely enough, while she piously preaches tolerance in the United States (and for obvious reasons), she practices little of it in other lands. She is wisely capitalizing on a weak Protestant conscience with its lack of religious conviction. While Protestants live in ignorance of Rome's sinister aims, the Catholic Church with all of its own fanatical adherence to her dogmas, laughs at the wishy-washy nonprotesting attitude of the Protestant world in relation to the Truth for which the Reformation gave its life.

With all of our clamor for a positive approach in religious thinking, it is well to remember that as long as the human heart is deceitful, it needs some strong negative checks. Any philosophy of life which does not know how to reject (be intolerant of) error and accept truth, is hardly worthy of the name. And here it must be said that though the Protestant Church was founded on the fact of her unwillingness to tolerate the fallacies and idolatry of Romanism, yet it is not against the individual Catholic, but against the Roman hierarchy, that the Protestant protests.

If America elects a Catholic president, will it lead the Catholic hierarchy one step closer to her dream of world dominion?

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THIS — PRESENT — WORLD —

interpreting around-the-world new

Operation Sidestep

The hottest potato the National Council of Churches has handled in a long time—recognition of Red China—was gingerly treated at a late February General Board meeting and then referred. The controversial message coming from the Fifth World Order Study Conference at Cleveland last November was referred to the NCC Department of International Affairs for further study and action. The department sponsored the conference which had produced the widely-criticized statement.

A news release said the referral was "regular NCC procedure for the disposition of pronouncements," but some dubbed the action as "Operation Sidestep." It seems very unlikely that the statement will die in the hands of the department that helped give it life.

Catholic Integration Lags

The integration movement in the South is meeting poor response from lay Catholics, according to the Catholic magazine, *Jubilee*. The magazine states that "though there are some priests and bishops who share the attitude of their parishioners, in general the clergy and hierarchy are in advance of the main body of southern Catholics on the deeply vexing and morally decisive issue of race relations."

Despite pressure for integration by the Holy See and other Catholic officials, the magazine stated, the integration fight has been "fragmentary." Only half of the 12 southern Catholic colleges are partially integrated and out of a total of 568 grammar schools and 177 high schools, only two have partially integrated.

Not Heaven, Too!

Joseph Stalin is in heaven, according to the "Red" dean of Canterbury. Dr. Hewlett Johnson, controversial figure of the Church of England, made the statement on his 85th birthday recently, explaining that "Stalin was a rough and stern man . . . because he had a dirty job to do. But God's eye is a big eye and sees everything, good and bad. To know all is to forgive all. So from heaven's point of view," said Johnson, "I think Stalin is safe."

Perhaps most surprised of all at the statement would be Stalin who didn't even believe in the heaven where the dean has assigned him.

Refugees Are Protestant

More than three-fourths of the refugees coming into West Germany from the Soviet zone are Protestant. Dr. Paul Zieger, head of the statistical office of the Evangelical Church in Germany, said there had been a slight shift in West Germany in favor of Protestants because of the largescale influx of refugees, 77 per cent of whom are Protestants.

In West Germany the proportion of Protestants, Catholics and religiously unaffiliated is 51, 45 and four per cent respectively, according to the latest census in 1950. In the Soviet zone the figures are 82, 11 and 7 per cent.

Understandest Thou?

"The plain tragedy of too much of our church-owned publishing is that so little of it can be understood by the masses of the people," Emory Stevens Bucke, editor-in-chief of Abingdon Press, told a publishing audience in St. Louis recently. He added that there is no place in a church editor's office for "intellectual and cultural snobbery."

Mr. Bucke urged the publishers and editors "to break through the pile of mail stacked in our doorways and go hunting for people who have something to say and who can be helped to say it."

Canadian Federation Urged

A Call for a "Federation of Christian Churches in Canada" uniting all Protestants has been sounded by the Rev. William G. Berry, associate secretary of the Board of Evangelism and Social Service of the United Church of Canada. He told the board's annual meeting that "there is no reason why, now, with a minimum of debate and negotiation about theology, creeds, orders, worship and a maximum of good will and common sense" there could not be such a federation.

It could include all denominations, he said, "both liberal and literal, high and low, liturgical and free." He said it would give leadership to all other churches of the world and could lead to the formation of a united world-wide Church.

Prayers for Pilots

Low-flying jets from Portland (Ore.) Air Base used to irritate Leighton F. Templeton, a 75-year-old retired salesman. Then he remembered a saying of his father, "Son, you can't be mad at a man for whom you are praying."

The idea took root and he wrote some prayers which were sent to the pilots. Two base chaplains saw them and asked the Portland churches to observe February 22 as "pray for pilots" Sunday. Now the idea is really spreading. Hearing about this and other similar projects, a Pentagon officer has issued an appeal for all Air Force bases to start "prayers for pilots" programs of their own.

Green Light for Reds

The trek back to Hollywood for the party-lining writers, directors and actors who fled the "purge" of a few years ago is expected to begin soon if it hasn't begun already. The "Fifth Amendment" Communists have taken their cue from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences which recently revoked its amendment barring Reds and invokers of the Fifth Amendment from Oscar competition.

Said the academy: "This matter, this amendment, has from the beginning been used only to harass the academy. We're only interested in making awards based on merit." Said Ward Bond, president of the Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, and an active crusader against Communists in Hollywood: "We've lost the fight and that's all there is to it."

Wrote Karl Krug, columnist for the *Pittsburgh Press*: "Mr. Bond, a tough foe of the Reds, and who never before has tossed in the towel, evidently could use some help. It should come from every organization—church, civic, women's clubs, the American Legion, VFW and others . . . Such groups, especially powerful when acting in unison, should let the academy know exactly where they stand in the matter."

Discrimination Charged

Church and State reported recently that charges of discrimination are being muttered around the Pentagon in connection with the most recent batch of chaplain promotions. The problems of the chaplains came under full glare surveillance last summer when (no one is certain how or why) the three chiefs of the armed services chaplains all came up Roman Catholic.

Through the retirement of Chaplain (Major General) Patrick J. Ryan, one Protestant chief has gotten back into the picture. He is Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Frank A. Tobey. The two other Roman Catholic chiefs will continue in office at least four years, possibly eight.

This prompted a closer look at chaplain promotions, *Church and State* reported. In the Navy it was announced that among senior commanders, 17 were in the "promotion zone" to be considered by the selected board. Of those in the "zone," six were Catholic and 11 Protestant. The selection board chose five Catholics and two Protestants, passing over nine Protestants and only one Catholic who, incidentally, is a reservist.

Sunday Bill Vetoed

Shock tremors were felt the length and breadth of Utah when Gov. George D. Clyde unexpectedly vetoed a Sunday closing law passed earlier by the state Senate. He said he took the action "be-

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cause of possible economic and moral issues involved" in the measure. He also questioned the thesis that Sunday employment prevents many young people from attending church.

The 13-12 vote in favor of overriding the veto was insufficient by four votes.

Pointed Reminder

Secretary of Commerce Lewis Strauss gave Soviet Deputy Premier Anastas Mikoyan a pointed reminder that no nation can be successful which oppresses religion during Mikoyan's recent visit to Washington.

At the close of talks on Soviet-American trade relations, Strauss presented the Russian with a facsimile of the famous Farewell Address of President George Washington. He called Mikoyan's attention to one section which he had marked.

The phrase was Washington's declaration that "reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Hot Water

A statement attributed to presidential hopeful Sen. John F. Kennedy has drawn continuing fire from his fellow Catholics. A national magazine reported Kennedy as saying that "whatever one's religion in private life, for the officeholder nothing takes precedence over his oath to uphold the Constitution and all its parts— including the First Amendment and the strict separation of Church and State."

Such national Catholic magazines as *America, Commonweal* and *Ave Maria* have been highly critical of the statement. Said Father Virgil C. Blum of Marquette University: "It seems somewhat strange to see a Boston Catholic in the 'strict separation' camp usually occupied almost exclusively by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State and its adherents."

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Action Editorial

No Sounding Brass

■ ONE OF THE MOST significant protests we have seen against the decisions of the World Order Study Conference sponsored by the National Council of Churches has just been released. From a lesser group the statement would have been weighty, but coming as it did with the signatures of 103 refugee pastors and church leaders it is no sounding brass or tinkling cymbal.

These men—archbishops, bishops, pastors, professors—represent churches of about 100,000 members, mostly refugees from Latvia, Estonia, Hungary, Russia, Bohemia, Slovakia and the Ukraine. Among them are Lutherans, Baptists, Orthodox, Covenant and others. Many of their denominations are connected with the NCC, but the recommendations of the Cleveland conference have disillusioned and sickened them as they have millions of others.

Try as it might, the NCC cannot disclaim responsibility for the shame which the results of this conference have brought to a large segment of American Protestantism. Here is the indictment by men whose experiences temper their words:

"It comes as a shock to us that the Study Conference of the National Council of Churches went so far as to find it possible to support unanimously the recognition of Red China, the 'competitive co-existence,' and cooperation with communist regimes. The Council is now engaged in a large scale endeavor to gather support to these propositions.

"Since there are far-reaching decisions, involving momentous issues which affect the meaning of Christian faith, and since their implications are extremely dangerous, every one who has a scintilla of Christian responsibility, must raise his voice in warning. It is our duty to speak, and we, as leading clergymen, bishops, deans, professors, priests and pastors, speak in unison as representatives of numerous churches from the enslaved countries in Europe, including Belo-Russia, Bohemia, Croatia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia and the Ukraine. We do not speak only on behalf of our Christians in freedom, but as eyewitnesses to the ordeal and agony of those peoples whose suffering remains our suffering, we must speak on behalf of all our peoples in slavery. Above all the voice of our fellow Christians under the cross must become vocal.

"It is beyond our comprehension that such naive and uncritical thinking can lead to a realistic appraisal of current world problems. As those who have gone through the inferno under the Soviets, who have seen the unmasked face of the beast, who have felt its teeth on our bodies and have learned its aims, methods, and its most subtle means, we are qualified to say something which is ripened in experience and tested by the realities of life. And this we have to say with the intention that that which has happened to us, and our peoples in the Soviet grip, might not happen to this nation and the rest of the world.

"1. The Cleveland decision to work for the recognition of Red China dishonors Christianity. There are other forces in operation which shall take care of this, but this caricatures a Christianity which has nothing else to say than 'facts are facts' and therefore gives its approval to crimes which cry to heaven, Whenever the Christian sense of life is alive, it must belong to the victims of the horrible annihilation which goes on in China exceeding anything imaginable. We need more awe before suffering.

"2. If, indeed, this is the real concern, used as a motivation for the recognition of Red China, that the exclusion 'keeps our people in ignorance of what is taking place in China,' it would have manifested itself quite differently. A genuine Christian concern would not only reject every attempt toward recognition, but would demand the inclusion of the representatives and the voice of all the enslaved nations in the UNO in order to give more meaning to the organization.

"3. The damage that the Cleveland decisions cause, is incalculable. This is a blow to all those hundreds of millions of slaves for whose blood, sufferings and agony the present so-called peace has been bought. Decisions like these throw the sufferers into resignation and destroy their faith in justice and truths which should unite all the believers. *This is exactly what the Soviets could not destroy, but with the help of the victims' fellow Christians in the free world, this can be accomplished.* It is unspeakably sad to see Christians themselves destroying the realm of light, truth and fellowship which enlivens the resistance to brutality. Doing this the Christians contribute to the cause of the Kremlin. The tragedy of our contemporary Christianity is that it has lost its Christian togetherness with the sufferers and has regarded the sufferings of others as an annoying intrusion into its otherwise pleasurable existence. Therefore it is in danger of going from existence to nothingness. Only on hearing our brothers' and sisters' cry of pain does our own pain awake and begin to cry in the depth of our consciousness and to thirst for purer wells.

"4. We must say that the *Cleveland decisions appear as to have come from the lips of the men in the Kremlin.* If, indeed, the endeavors of Christians so well fit in with the aspiration and expansion of the Soviets, those ruthless destroyers of God's creation, it is self-evident how far the ideas of the Kremlin have succeeded.

"5. The Cleveland decisions regarding preparedness for national defense and recommending reconsideration of foreign policy in the interest of co-existence, shows that their basis is political expediency. It is alarming that the desire to arrive at these decisions is greater than the interest of the true Christian understanding of life, ethics, and justice as the only basis for a truly Christian approach. Those who leave this ground become themselves confused and lead others toward chaos.

"6. The Cleveland decisions reveal also an astounding lack of realism in understanding the true nature of the Soviet menace and its aims. *It is a tragedy that many who have been instrumental in the Cleveland decisions, having used Christ's name in the interest of the expansion of slavery, have on their part already contributed to the nameless suffering, chaos and anguish which others have to bear.* If they would have had a genuine concern for world order and would have had the ability to approach this meaningfully, many of these leaders who speak through the Cleveland message, would not have given their support to the Soviets at a time when our peoples were fighting a life or death struggle against the Soviet beast, but at the right time would have tried to arouse the Christian conscience and would have influenced the Christian opinion in the sense of 'world order.' And they would not have continued to influence public opinion after the end of World War II in the same direction, thus becoming co-responsible for the fall of China, Indochina and other parts of the world into the Soviet grip."

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UEA CORRESPONDENCE

U. S. Civil Service Commissioner Barbara Bates Gunderson (center) is pictured above as she spoke with several college students who attended a Washington Seminar on Federal Services under the auspices of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The students are (*left to right*): Joanne Watrous of Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.; David Shantz of Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind.; Commissioner Gunderson; Robert MacDonald of Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Mass., and Donna Bentzel of the King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

NAE Sponsors Student Seminar

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Students of twelve evangelical colleges were given a close-range view of government operations through a Washington seminar sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. The participating colleges were: Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.; Bethel College, Mishawaka, Ind.; Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Eastern Nazarene College, Wollaston, Mass.; Evangel College, Springfield, Mo.; Gordon College, Beverly Farms, Mass.; Houghton College, Houghton, N. Y.; The King's College, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.; Providence-Barrington Bible College, Providence, R. I.; Taylor University, Upland, Ind.; Trinity College, Chicago, Ill.; Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

While in Washington the group met with several key figures in national affairs, including Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.), minority leader of the Senate, Dr. Frederick Fox of the White House staff and Commissioner Barbara Bates Gunderson of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. The program also included trips to the State and Defense Departments, the Supreme Court, the Capitol, the Library of Congress and the embassy section of the nation's capital.

To participate in the seminar, students must be in good standing in one of the participating evangelical Christian colleges, must maintain a good scholastic average, must have completed a course in American government or American history and must have demonstrated an interest in federal service as a career opportunity.

Ninety students and faculty members attended this third such seminar sponsored by the National Association of Evangelicals. The purpose is to assist the student in becoming acquainted with major areas of government and their functions; to become informed on opportunities for careers in public service and the means by which one qualifies for appointment; and to secure an insight into the relation between political and Christian ethics.

Arrangements for the seminar program were handled through the Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals which serves the churches of forty Protestant denominations in policy matters relating to government, and the bearing of international affairs on the work of Christian missions.

Editor Protests Vatican Resolution

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A leading Seventh-day Adventist editor has sent letters to Congress and to President Eisenhower stating that a recently introduced resolution calling for establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican "would contravene the intent of the United States Constitution and breach the fundamental principle of the separation of Church and State."

The Congressional measure calls for "immediate establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican through appointment of a United States envoy."

The letters were sent by Raymond F. Cottrell, Washington, D. C., associate editor of the official Adventist newspaper, *Review and Herald*, to Representative Victor L. Anfuso (D-N.Y.), who introduced the measure, to Representative Thomas E. Morgan, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and to President Eisenhower.

In his letter to President Eisenhower the religious editor said, "I hope that you will stoutly resist any and all pressure to appoint such an envoy should a measure come to your desk."

Christian Amendment Is Again Introduced

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A Christian Amendment to our national Constitution has been introduced in the 86th Congress by five members of the House of Rrepresentatives: Eugene Siler of Kentucky, Wint Smith and Edward H. Rees of Kansas, O. Clark Fisher of Texas, and Frank M. Clark of Pennsylvania.

In connection with their introductoin of the Christian Amendment, Congressmen Siler and Clark placed in the "Congressional Record" two messages concerning the Amendment which point out that the Constitution of the United States does not contain any recognition of God. The Christian

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NAE CHAPLAIN'S COMMISSION REPRESENTED

Ensign William E. Kennard (Evangelical Free) is shown with a group of Naval Reserve Chaplains from the Ninth Naval District conferring with RADM G. A. Rosso, Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Navy, while in Washington for a three-day training conference in the Bureau of Naval Personnel. Left to right: LTJG C. C. Kary (Amer Bapt); LTJG C. A. Vernon (Disc of Christ); LCDR A. A. Tinklenberg (Ref Ch in Amer); RADM G. A. Rosso (Cath); LCDR Andrew Swasko (ULCA Luth); Ensign Kennard, representing NAE Chaplaincy Commission.

Amendment Movement is composed of Christian citizens who believe that this omission should be corrected.

The proposed Christian Amendment is made up of three sections. The first would amend the Constitution to read: "This nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of nations, through Whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

Section 2 safeguards the rights guaranteed in the First Amendment. Section 3 makes provision for citizens whose religious scruples might prevent them from giving allegiance to the Constitution as amended.

The Christian Amendment bills have been referred to the Committee on the Judiciary of the House.

chaplaincy

NAE Chaplaincy Sponsors Service

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla.—The NAE Commission on Chaplains and Service to Military Personnel recently sponsored a patriotic religious service here in the auditorium of Faith Temple. Dr. Charles M. Leaming was the host pastor and acted as master of ceremonies.

Member organizations of the local Veterans Liaison Council and other religious organizations took part in the program. The chaplains of these organizations were present with their Color Guards.

A unique part of the service was the ceremony of the Prayer of Blessing on the Colors, when a purple ribbon decorated with a white Cross was attached to each standard, signifying that the Christian faith of the Lord Jesus Christ, on which our country was founded, surmounts and embraces all branches of our government and its patriotic and religious organizations.

Rev. A. S. Taylor of Williamsport, Pa., the Eastern Regional Director of National Association of Evangelicals and a member of the Chaplains Commission, was one of the speakers.

NAE Chaplains In Active Service

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Among the Naval Reserve Chaplains who met here for a three-day training conference in the Bureau of Naval Personnel was Ensign William E. Kennard of Evangelical Free Church, representing the NAE Chaplaincy Commission.

Through its Chaplains Commission the National Association of Evangelicals provides for the placement of evangelical chaplains in the Armed Services. There are at present 55 chaplains with NAE endorsement on duty in the three branches, Army, Navy and Air Force. In addition more than a hundred NAE pastors serve as Civil Air Patrol chaplains. Also three full time chaplains serve in Veterans Administration hospitals. Each of these chaplains has membership in one of the seventeen denominations which endorse through the NAE Commission.

After a survey trip to military bases both at home and overseas one member of the Commission declared that our armed forces ought to be a primary missionary target. Literally hundreds of thousands of young men, he said, enter the military without any idea of the temptations they will face. Even highly placed military leaders admit to the need of greater moral fiber among the members of the armed services. This is particularly true at some overseas bases.

Evangelical chaplains are prepared to deal with the spiritual needs of men in addition to specific moral problems. An example of the opportunities encountered by an evangelical chaplain was found at the U. S. Naval Station, San Diego, California where Chaplain Wendell Sullivan (Conservative Baptist) recorded an average of 264 decisions for Christ each month during a four month period.

Further information about the work of the Chaplains Commission may be obtained from the Commission office, Room 100, 1405 G Street, N.W., Washington 5, D. C.

evangelism

"Unprecedented" Describes Graham Australian Crusade

MELBOURNE, Australia — "The opening of the Melbourne Crusade has surpassed our thinking, our expectations and our plans. Never in any Crusade have we known such a first week. Daily we are seeing definite answers to the prayers of Christian friends all around the world." This was the opening paragraph of a memorandum released here by Jerry Beavan, who is manager of the Billy Graham Australian Crusade.

"Unprecedented" is a further word which Mr. Beavan and others close to the Melbourne situation are using to describe the meeting "down under." Early in the crusade it became necessary to move from the Melbourne Stadium to the Sidney Myer Music Bowl, where a total attendance of 194,000 during the first week shattered previous records. "It's amazing," Dr. Graham said, adding, "I believe the Holy Spirit is beginning to touch Melbourne." The evangelist told the crowd that he had preached in the famous Hollywood Bowl and other outdoor meeting places but he had never seen anything as impressive as the Sidney Myer Music Bowl. "Spiritual Hunger" Dr. Graham indicated as chief reason for the unprecedented response.

It was estimated that 1,000 made decisions for Christ at one of the early meetings. "This is the largest number for Christ I have ever seen," Dr. Graham said as people came streaming down the aisles of the Music Bowl. He also told the vast audience, "You are witnessing an historic scene tonight. We want to give God the credit, the glory and the praise."

Scores of auxiliary meetings were conducted in the Melbourne Metropolitan area with attendance taxing available accommodations and hundreds of decisions for Christ recorded. Ministers' Seminars on Evangelism were conducted by Dr. Paul S. Rees and other evangelical leaders.

The Melbourne Crusade Office announced that crusades will be conducted during April in New Zealand and Sydney, followed by Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth, with a closing date scheduled for June 7.

World Vision Crusade To Reach 40,000,000

OSAKA, Japan—More than 400 churches with an area of 40,000,000 inhabitants by radio and television are expected to cooperate in World Vision's Osaka Crusade May 12-June 1, according to prediction of crusade leaders. The crusade, to be held in Osaka's famed Festival Hall, will have for its principal speaker Dr. Bob Pierce, president of World Vision, Inc., and well known throughout the Orient for his evangelistic and charitable works as a missionary ambassador.

An estimated 2,500 prayer groups have been formed in Japan to prepare for the strategic spiritual focus, members of the evangelistic team indicate, and thousands of Christians in America have pledged their prayer support. Other prayer groups have been organized among National pastors and missionaries in Formosa, the Philippines, Korea, India and Africa.

Radio-TV

Dr. Bertermann Accepts New Post

ST. LOUIS—A testimonial dinner was held recently by Lutheran Laymen's League board of governors for Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, who has been named executive director of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Foundation. The affair was given in recognition of Dr. Bertermann's twenty-four years' service to The Lutheran Hour, for which (until his resignation) he was director of overseas operations. On behalf of the 102,000 members of the Lutheran Laymen's League, president A. W. Herrmann presented Dr. Bertermann with a Magnavox stereophonic hi-fi set with AM and FM radio.

Since his early days as assistant to the late Dr. Walter A. Maier, first speaker on The Lutheran Hour, Dr. Bertermann has been active in promoting and building the program into what is now termed the world's largest non-government radio broadcast. He has traveled and lectured widely in the interest of the radio mission and during the past ten years has visited Lutheran Hour operations in Germany, Japan, Hong Kong, Central and South America, Australia, Africa and the Middle East.

The newly-created Lutheran Foundation which Dr. Bertermann will direct has for its purpose "carrying on religious, benevolent, education, and missionary work" for "distinctively Lutheran enterprises," according to trustees of the corporation elected by the Board of Directors of the 2,300,000-member church body.

CORRECTION

Apologies to Rev. Earl P. Paulk whose name was inadvertently omitted from the listing of new officers of the National Religious Broadcasters in March issue of *Action* magazine. Mr. Paulk is NRB's second vice president.

"Blasphemy" Charged by Church Page Columnist

CINCINNATI — "Crass blasphemy" is the charge made by Dr. James DeForest Murch, columnist for the *Cincinnati Enquirer's* church page, concerning the Ben Hecht play, "The Third Commandment," which appeared recently under RCA sponsorship on the NBC television network.

"It should be assumed," the former editor of *United Evangelical Action* magazine said, "that the sponsors desired to make a highly moral contribution to our social order but they were ill-advised both as to the author and the method. Ben Hecht is a dramatist and writer who has used his talents to undermine our Judeo-Christian way of life."

Dr. Murch, now managing editor of *Christianity Today*, went on to say (in part): "It was not surprising, therefore, that the tele-play was used as a medium to vent the Hechtian spleen against mass evangelism. The hero was a Hollywood gag writer who turned 'evangelist' and between slugs of hard liquor preached a demagogic gospel that drew thousands and piled up a huge fortune. Using high-power, unethical tricks, this superb religious poseur becomes the blasphemer of God, the transgressor supreme of the Third Commandment . . . The average adult and impressionable youthful viewer had but one frame of reference by which to judge mass evangelism as it was presented in the play. That was Billy Graham and other successful popular evangelists. The Graham methodology was simulated in every detail. Graham and his kind are probably the pet hate of Hecht and his ilk."

Documentary Film Has Premier Showing

WINONA LAKE, Ind.—Premier showing of "The Time Is Now," new Light and Life 16mm. sound, color film, took place here recently in Free Methodist Church. This is a documentary of the recent nineteen thousand mile tour of Latin America by Dr. and Mrs. Myron F. Boyd, who visited twelve countries in an effort to see firsthand the people being reached by the Light and Life Hour.

The film, which will be available for showing in local churches early in April, may be obtained from the Light and Life Hour, Winona Lake, Ind. It is requested that the applicants name three acceptable dates for the showing and that a free-will offering be taken for the world-wide ministry of the Light and Life Hour.

Slavic Gospel Program Is Broadcast to Russia

CHICAGO—Peter Deyneka, general director of the Slavic Gospel Association, reports that now they are broadcasting the Gospel in Russian and Ukrainian over six radio stations in: Quito, Ecuador; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Tangier, Morocco; Inchon, South Korea; Manila, P. I. and Edmonton, Alberta.

Mr. Deyneka just recently visited Voice of Tangier, missionary radio station in Tangier, Morocco, North Africa, where he preached in Russian, over short wave, reaching Russia and other Slavic countries. He reports that this organization is observing its twenty-fifth anniversary of Gospel work among Slavic people and others.

Parish

Church Design Contest Is Repeated This Year

CHICAGO—In collaboration with the National Association of Evangelicals, *Christian Life* has announced the Second Annual Evangelical Church Design Contest. Purpose is to stimulate interest in attractive design and economic construction in church building as well as larger church and Sunday school facilities.

As last year, it is expected the contest will attract evangelical church architects, engineers and designers from all parts of the nation. Contest judges are Joe Colombo, chairman, partner Reese and Colombo, architects; Dr. Walter L. Penner, Southwestern Director of NAE; William H. Claire, Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles; Edward J. Reese, partner Reese and Colombo,

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LATE NEWS AT PRESS TIME

● AS THE APRIL ISSUE of *United Evangelical Action* magazine is being distributed, hundreds of evangelicals across the land, as well as many from other countries, are preparing to leave for Los Angeles, Calif. Destination of course is Hotel Statler-Hilton for the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, and dates of course are April 6-10.

● YOUTH TEMPERANCE Education Week will be observed April 12-18. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which is sponsoring the Week, is urging churches, schools and clubs to promote temperance education through sermons-for-youth, speeches-by-youth, films, posters, newspapers and every other means available.

● SPECIAL EASTER MUSIC from The Lutheran Hour will be carried by the National Broadcasting Company on its Monitor program during the Easter week end. The music will include hymns sung by Lutheran choirs from Germany, India, and Japan.

● BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY of Melbourne, Australia, has announced that bookstores of the city more than doubled their sale of Bibles during the Billy Graham Melbourne Crusade. It was planned to use the 100,000-seat Olympic Stadium for the final meetings of the Crusade.

● DR. J. PALMER MUNTZ is leading a "Bible Lands Prophetic Pilgrimage" to Israel this month. As part of the tour a prophetic conference will be held in the YMCA of Jerusalem April 24-28.

● VIOLENT RACE RIOTS have erupted in Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, temporarily suppressing missionary activity in that area.

● CIVIL DEFENSE Religious Affairs Course No. 7 will be given May 18-21 at the Office of Civil Defense Mobilization, Battle Creek, Mich. Sessions will include Enemy Capabilities, Weapons Effects and Basic Defense Measures, Warning and Communication, Interfaith Ministrations and other topics.

● JUVENILE DELINQUENCY and youth work experts will convene at Wheaton (Ill.) College campus April 7-8 for the first annual "Lifeline" Conference on Delinquency sponsored by Youth for Christ International. Headlining the program will be Mr. George Reed, chairman of the U. S. Board of Paroles, Washington, D.C., and Dr. H. Park Tucker, chaplain of Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

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"Communist Objectives" Scored by Dr. Ockenga

BOSTON—Speaking at the opening commemorative services of the year-long observance of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Park Street Church here, Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, minister and international religious leader, denounced as "Communist objectives" proposals to end nuclear testing and to admit Red China to the United Nations. Dr. Ockenga criticized European theologian Karl Barth who in a letter to the east German pastors urged their submission to Communist rule. "One wonders," he said, "if Barth has forgotten all that America has done in the Marshall Plan, in the European Recovery Program, in mutual aid, in the Point Four Program, all of which amounted to something over sixty billion dollars for the help of down-trodden peoples of the earth including his own people."

Some sixteen hundred members and friends of Park Street Church were present for the birthday celebration at Boston's Statler-Hilton. Among participants were Senator Frank Carlson (R.Kans.), president of International Council of Christian Leadership; representatives of the state, civic, educational and religious life of the Commonwealth; Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, and Dr. Robert Pierce, president of the World Vision missionary movement.

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Missionary Publication Joins "Official Voice"

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—(EP)—*World Challenge*, monthly missionary publication of the Assemblies of God, will merge with the weekly *Pentecostal Evangel*, official voice of the denomination, beginning April 1.

The merger is being made "in the interest of increasing coverage for missionary news," according to the Rev. Noel Perkin, executive director of the Foreign Missions Department. Reader-

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Besides missionary articles printed in the special issue, coverage of Assemblies of God worldwide missions work will be included in regular weekly editions of the *Pentecostal Evangel*. Rev. Robert C. Cunningham will continue as editor.

WORLD-WIDE

Communist Chinese Inject Death Serum

LAPPA ISLAND, China—(FENS)—Intelligence sources here state that Communist Chinese are using a poisonous serum to shorten the lives of aged Chinese whom they consider worthless in their people's communes. Particularly in those areas of the island where the people staged an anti-Communist revolt, Chinese Reds are giving injections which they call "happy shots." People sixty or more years of age are made to live a communal life in Communist-style "happy homes" and are told that these "happy shots" will bring them happiness and good health. Actually, the intelligence sources say, the serum used in the injection is poisonous and will shorten the span of their lives.

World Council Committee Protests Atomic Testing

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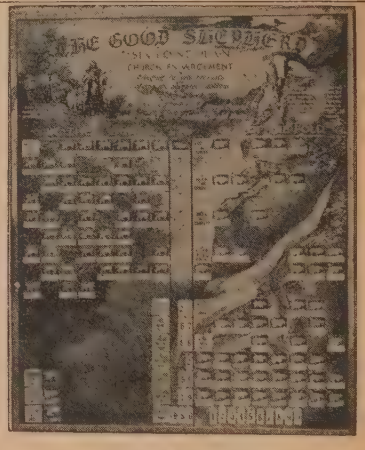

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Commenting on the Cuban situation, WHBL leaders here stated: "Despite the civil war in Cuba, which was brought to final completion by the victory of the Castro forces, Scripture distribution has gone on almost unabated. During the fiscal year that has just passed, at least 50,000 copies of the Scriptures have been widely placed by over 350 missionaries and pastors, who have given us enthusiastic cooperation in reaching the Bibleless homes of their native land. In the year that lies ahead we are expanding every effort to increase the tempo of this distribution. Our objective is the placement of a Bible or a Testament in every Cuban home where such Scriptures would be appreciated and read.

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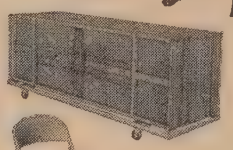

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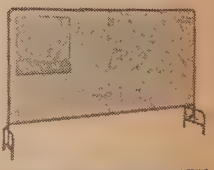

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Church Planning Seminar Draws 144 Registrants

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one sponsored by the Commission on Church Extension and Home Missions of the National Association of Evangelicals. It was under the direction of Dr. Jared F. Gerig, commission chairman.

Other speakers were Milford Eggerding, community planning consultant; Rev. Joseph Kimbel, church design consultant with *Christian Life* magazine; Dr. Neil Winegarden of Wheaton College, and Rev. Milton C. Wolter, pastor of Glen Ellyn (Ill.) Bible Church.

That responsibility for church extension lies with the local church with the denomination assisting and lending encouragement was the conclusion reached by a panel under the direction of Dr. Gerig. On the panel were Dr. Myron Cedarholm, executive director of the Conservative Baptist Association; Dr. F. D. Whitesell, professor of Practical Theology at Northern Baptist Seminary, and Lee T. Johnson, chairman of the board of deacons of the First Baptist church, Hammond, Ind.

Dr. G. Douglas Young, dean of Trinity Seminary, presented the summary and conclusions of the seminary.

Education

Christian Day Schools In Recruitment Program

CHICAGO—With the prediction that 1959 may become modern history's year of greatest growth for Christian elementary and secondary schools, the National Association of Christian Schools has announced a new program designed to end the "teacher supply bottleneck."

According to Dr. Mark Fakkema, Educational Director, the association will give special attention to the large number of teachers graduating from Christian colleges, only a small percentage of whom have been attracted into Christian day schools in the past. Dr. Fakkema states that the program has met enthusiastic response on the part of colleges, NACS member schools, and teachers seeking employment. The latter may obain employment listings directly from the NACS office, 10201 South State Street, Chicago 28, Illinois.

Evangelical Scholars To Hold Meet at MBI

CHICAGO—The Midwest Section of the Evangelical Theological Society will hold its next meeting here at Moody Bible Institute April 2 and 3, according to announcement by Dr. J. Barton

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Payne, secretary. Members are to participate by presenting papers on subjects of interest to the society.

ETS is an association of Bible-believing scholars in North America who, since 1949, have been meeting annually or oftener for mutual stimulus and fellowship. The society is designed to encourage biblical and theological scholarship and the publication of significant evangelical works.

Present officers of Evangelical Theological Society are: President, Dr. Gilbert H. Johnson of Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, N. Y.; vice-president, Dr. Allan A. MacRae of Faith Theological Seminary, Philadelphia; secretary, Dr. Payne of Trinity Theological Seminary, Chicago, and treasurer, Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke of Temple Baptist Theological Seminay, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

NAE President Speaks At Houghton Conference

HOUGHTON, N. Y.—Dr. Herbert S. Mekeel, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, was one of the guest speakers at the annual Ministerial Refresher Course held here recently at Houghton College.

Also lecturing were Dr. Mary Tenney, author of "Living in Two Worlds" and an authority on the Wesleyan Movement, and Dr. Wilbur T. Dayton, associate professor of New Testament Greek at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky. Panel discussions included such subjects as: "Operation Outreach"—a "brainstorming" session for ideas in the field of denominational evangelism; "Wesleyan Distinctives"—in message, government, education and social attitudes, and "Mass Evangelism"—a review of recent Billy Graham campaigns and a discussion on the subject, "Cooperative Evangelism."

Discussion was also held on a preview of Problems of General Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America which will be held June 23-30 on the Houghton campus.

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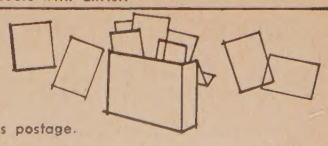

Readers Say—

"Rang the Bell"

To the Editor:

I have been "skimming" recent issues of *Action*, but I have *read* the February Missions issue. It went to the right spot with me: "The World Linguistic Problem" (my hobby); "Communicating the Gospel" (so different from Luccock's book); "How Drinking Handicaps Christian Missions" (factual, comprehensive world coverage); Park Street and the Fiftieth State; Clyde Taylor's Jules Verne trip to Spain; and you do print more news than other Christian periodicals I take, e.g., "Swiss Pastors Reject Anti-Nuclear Stand" (sane Swiss).

You can't please everybody every month, but you rang the bell with me this time, gave me some homework to do. Thank you.

EMMET RUSSELL

Hillsboro, N. H.

Ever-growing Menace

To the Editor:

I am writing you pertinent to an ever-growing menace, of which I know you and many of your readers are aware. I refer to the advertisements by the Knights of Columbus which appear from time to time in widely read publications. I feel that the negative attitude of merely accenting the positive in our preachments, etc., is insufficient.

One of the best counteractions to this propagation of Catholic heresy, it seems to me, would be to launch a similar campaign of advertising to state clearly the Protestant tenets. True this would cost money, but is our devotion to Christ to be measured only by words while the forces of antichrist stop at nothing?

I would be interested in reader reaction to the idea of a series of advertisements soliciting readers to write in to an address to receive "the other side."

ROGER A. CHUTE

Santa Monica, Calif.

(EDITOR'S NOTES: Such a series of advertisements as Dr. Chute suggests is available from the Office of Public Affairs, National Association of Evangelicals, 1405 G. St., N. W., Washington 5, D. C.)

Deserved Tribute

To the Editor:

This letter on behalf of the officers of the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association is directed to readers of *Action* magazine who are members and friends of EFMA.

Eleven years ago a man with a special talent for dealing with the business world and a very real desire to be of assistance to missionaries accepted the responsibility of opening a purchasing agency for missionaries, churches and those engaged in religious work. That man was Mr. W. J. Anderson, who became the vice president of EFMA in charge of purchasing. Brother Anderson dedicated his life and talents from that time to the purchasing of the best equipment for the job at the greatest possible financial saving. Missionaries found that their money to purchase items, from a roll of film to aircraft, would buy a great deal more because of the work of Brother Anderson.

Now, because of the poor health of his wife Brother Anderson has retired from this full-time task and moved to Florida. If opportunity offered there would be thousands of testimonials expressing appreciation for the work of Brother Anderson. Many who have now heard the story of salvation might never have been reached without him.

On behalf of the missionary-minded readers of this letter and the officers of EFMA we want to express our sincere appreciation to W. J. Anderson for his willingness to pioneer in this important phase of missionary work.

O. RALPH ISBILL, Secretary
Evangelical Foreign Missions Association
Washington, D. C.

Likes NAE Literature

To the Editor:

Your fine magazine, *Action*, is very much appreciated by missionary-minded evangelicals everywhere. I encourage the men in our missionary courses here at Gordon (Gordon Divinity School) to make use of all the valuable NAE literature. Your present missionary number has several thought-provoking articles.

Congratulations upon your very fine work and may the Lord continue to bless the National Association of Evangelicals in all its fine work.

WILLIAM NIGEL KERR

Beverly Farms, Mass.

Sees False Teachings

To the Editor:

I am a retired teacher. I have been seeing for about twenty-five years that false teachings are in our Sunday School literature. I am helping several ministers with study courses and see false teaching in the ministers' courses.

Someone sent me your booklet "The Coming Great Church," by James DeForest Murch. I see from it that God is left out in so many ways in so-called churches. Check is enclosed for a dozen copies of these booklets.

I thank God He is using you people to get truth out to us who need to know truth. It is Truth that sets us free.

LILLIAN BAYER

Cumberland City, Tenn.

COVER PHOTO—NAE chaplains service in Faith Temple, St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Charles M. Leaming, host pastor, is shown forth from left. At his right is Rev. A. S. Taylor, NAE's Eastern Regional Director of Williamsport, Pa., guest speaker. **(See page 12.)**

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Richard S. Beal and Mrs. Beal recently celebrated their forty-first anniversary in the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz. Their son, David P. Beal, is assistant pastor and youth director.

Paul F. Elliott, Frankfort, Ind., has been named president of Owosso (Mich.) College, succeeding Dr. Otho Jennings who has resigned effective at the end of the present school year. Dr. Elliott expects to retain his present position as Secretary of Sunday Schools and Youth for the Pilgrim Holiness Denomination with headquarters in Indianapolis.

Frank A. Tobey (Major General), Chief of Chaplains of the United States Army, has been named 1959 "Alumnus of the Year" by Gordon College from which he was graduated in 1929. In 1956 his Alma Mater awarded to (then) Brigadier General Tobey the first honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity ever given by the school.

Dick Fulmer, national secretary of the Assemblies of God Youth Department, was guest speaker for the annual youth and Sunday School convention in Cuba. While making the trip to Cuba, Mr. Fulmer expected to visit several islands of the Caribbean in the interest of the Assemblies of God youth program.

Frank B. Stanger has been chosen by the trustee board of Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky., as its executive vice president. Dr. Stanger will begin his duties September 1.

Nancy Hillis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hillis, Orient Crusades missionaries based at Formosa, and a student at Culter Academy, Los Angeles, has been commended by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for her "outstanding performance on a nationwide test of educational development." Nancy's sister, Margaret, a 1957 graduate of Culter, was also an NMSC srholarship winner.

William J. Cameron, professor of Greek and New Testament at Free Church College in Edinburgh, Scotland, is a visiting professor at Wheaton (Ill.) College for the spring semester. He will teach classes in theology for Dr. Merrill C. Tenney of the graduate school who is on leave of absence under the 1958-59 Wheaton Alumni grant which he is sharing with Dr. Samuel J. Schultz, chairman of the department of Bible and Philosophy.

Edwin Jacques, foreign secretary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Wheaton, Ill., and Rev. Ed Barram are on a tour of Europe and Asia where they will visit and counsel with missionaries on the fields. They expect to return on May 2.

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